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MR. CHARLES P. COLEMAN, Business Manager of THE BURR last year, will not return to college this year, and to fill the vacancy caused by the loss of this valuable officer, Mr. Louis P. Gaston has been chosen by the Board.

IN the death of Henry Stevens Haines, Jr., the Class of 'Eighty-seven have lost a most valuable member, the University a loyal alumnus, and his associates a true and faithful friend. Almost immediately after graduation, with the brightest prospects for the future, he died of typhoid fever, at his home in Savannah, Ga., August 22d. THE BURR extends its heartiest sympathy to his family and friends.

THE new Music Hall which is to be built on the site of the old Opera House, by Mr. E. P. Wilbur, will be a boon to the students, not alone from the fact that it will furnish a means of relaxation, but also from the fact that it will, at least in part, compensate for the want of dormitories. The third floor will be entirely devoted to the use of the students. It will be divided into rooms. Some of these will be divided into suites, two bedrooms and a study, for the use of two men rooming together. A restaurant will be attached, where excellent board can be obtained at reasonable rates. To ensure the quality an experienced caterer will be secured to superintend.

Mr. Wilbur has long been known as a most generous friend to the University and students, and this last venture will but place him higher in their esteem. The rooms will be ready for occupancy in September, 1888.

WE presume that the Junior Oratorical Contest will be held this year, as usual. The contestants will, no doubt, have as much difficulty in preparing their orations, experience just as much trepidation prior to the culmination of their labors, and the exhibition will be of as mediocrate order as heretofore. And such will be the case in succeeding contests, unless something is done to supply a marked deficiency in the training of Lehigh students, a deficiency which may not be particularly apparent during the period of undergraduate existence, but which can not possibly fail of an inevitable and striking recognition in after-life even in the case of those gifted by nature with clear-headedness and ordinary forensic abilities.

In a word, a course in oratory, requiring even the minimum amount of work usually implied in such a course, would without doubt be of as much benefit to an engineer as to a man of let-



ters. We trust that the Faculty may find means to establish at the earliest opportunity such a course, which obviously will be of decided benefit to every student.

THE BURR wishes to call to the attention of our students the subscription list for our Foot-Ball Team. During last season our team acquitted themselves most creditably, and often did we have the pleasure of cheering our victorious players. This season we are filled with the hope that we may have even a better team than last season, and surely we have a firm foundation for our hopes. Now this subscription list for the benefit of foot-ball is being passed around among us, and every man should contribute something to the support of this branch of Athletics. Let everyone step forward and do his duty. Don't wait for some one to call on you, but come right to the front, and the more you contribute, the more reason you will have to be proud of the team's work. This season we will in all probability have more games to play than has been customary, and the teams that we play will be such as will do us credit to beat.

One thing more, every man in the University should join the Athletic Association. The admittance fee to the Association is small, but the benefit you do by joining it is great. So, then, let us all do our part, assured, as we are, that the Foot-Ball Team and the Athletic Association will do theirs.

WHY is it that in a college of this dimension a choir cannot be selected which will do justice to the imposing edifice which we have for a chapel? Heretofore the majority of the best vocalists in the University have sung in outside churches instead of attending worship at the chapel and benefiting their own institution with their musical talents. Owing to the greater capacity of the present chapel as compared with the old one, strenuous efforts ought to be made to organize a choir of twice the size of that now existing, in order to pro-

duce a sufficient volume of melody to fill the church to its furthest recesses.

Furthermore, at the services conducted every morning, it would be a great improvement upon the present system to have the choir sit in the stalls, instead of being scattered here and there throughout the classes. As it now is, the members of the choir being separated from one another are afraid to make themselves prominent by exerting their voices to their full extent. If this plan is not feasible there should at least be some one to lead the singing at the daily worship.

This subject is one upon which considerable attention should be bestowed by the authorities, as it is the one means, besides the magnificence of the chapel, which renders our religious exercises enjoyable both to the congregation and the students.

A CIRCULAR has been issued by THE BURR Board stating that THE BURR would be issued semi-monthly during the college year 1887-88, and calling upon the students and alumni for assistance. We wish to emphasize the fact that the success of THE BURR for the coming year depends solely upon this assistance. THE BURR, the official organ of the Lehigh students, has been neglected by them in a most disgraceful manner. The subscription list has been extremely small, and the literary contributions have been absolutely *nil*.

This state of affairs must change if the students wish to see their paper a success as a fortnightly.

In increasing the circulation it has been necessary to increase the advertising rates and space. This has afforded us an excellent insight into the nature of the average Bethlehem tradesman, and we can only say that we have never seen the niggardliness of some of those who control the largest student custom exceeded in Baxter street.

We therefore request the members of the University to patronize only those who help

us to publish THE BURR by giving us their advertisements. To these trades-people THE BURR wishes to extend its deepest gratitude.

THE changes in the Faculty and buildings have been comparatively few, if we except the magnificent Packer Memorial Church, which is without doubt the finest one in Pennsylvania. The Trustees, appreciating the interest that Bishop Rulison takes in the welfare of the University, in June elected him, by a unanimous vote, Rector of the Packer Memorial Church, and appointed as assistant the Rev. Albert W. Snyder of Saco, Me.

But one addition has been made in the corps of instructors: Joseph W. Richards, A.C., '86, has been appointed instructor in Metallurgy and Mineralogy, and as such will assist Mr. Peterson in that department during the absence of Prof. Frazier.

Dr. Swain will not return, and Mr. Seeley will have charge of the Gymnasium.

In Packer Hall, Prof. Williams has moved to the third floor, in the rooms formerly used as mechanical drawing rooms, and Prof. Klein has taken his old rooms.

The Museum has moved up one floor, and occupies what was formerly the Chapel. The space formerly given to it is now used as a drawing room for the Sophomores.

Christmas Hall has been entirely remodeled. A large room on the second floor will be used as an Assembly Room. Here class and college meetings will be held. The rest of the building, except one large room on the first floor, has been divided into small rooms, one of which will be the office of THE BURR.

WHILE we have been enjoying our Summer vacation, the boarding-house keepers in the Bethlehems have contrived the scheme of forming a clique, by which they can more fully enjoy the benefits of our patronage. The object of this clique seems to be that the caterers, knowing our total dependence upon them for board, have taken the

means of enrichening themselves by increasing their prices to an extent which, for the quality of aliment obtained, is preposterous. Formerly a large proportion of the students complained of the prices imposed, but since the increase they have come to the conclusion that although Lehigh is a free institution, a college education here is really more expensive than at many places where large tuition fees are demanded. The only solution to this disagreeable state of affairs is the idea, so well suggested by Dr. Swain, of forming a coöperative dining association, after the plan adopted at Harvard. This system, although at first discouraged by us, is the final decision at which we must arrive in order to overcome the Bethlehemites, who for several years past have gouged from the students every penny possible. This does not alone refer to the dining-houses, but also to the proprietors of the bookstores and residences where students are quartered. The former difficulty can only be circumvented by the great inconvenience of sending to the cities for our necessary supplies, while the latter can solely be remedied by our thread-worn subject of dormitories.

#### BETHLEHEM.

THE origin of the names of places and localities is a subject of peculiar interest, being almost always associated with the name of the founder, or else with the name or history of the mother country; and in America many of the names are of Indian origin. But from none of these sources did Bethlehem get its rather unusual name. The founder of the town was a Moravian—Count Von Zinzendorf—who came over from Germany to found a colony in the forests of Pennsylvania. He arrived at the place chosen for the site of the town one Christmas Eve, and found that the only structure in the place consisted of a building half house, half stable. Struck by the coincidence of its being Christmas Eve, and the only lodging-place a stable, he named the town Bethlehem.

WITHDRAWN

## COMMENCEMENT WEEK.

THE Class of 'Eighty-seven's Commencement Week was one of the most successful and brilliant in the history of the University. Fine weather, with the exception of Alumni Day, marked the period and all the exercises passed off with rare success.

Sunday, June 19th, the Baccalaureate Sermon was delivered by the Rt. Rev. Nelson S. Rulison, D.D., Assistant Bishop of Central Pennsylvania, in the Packer Memorial Church, then used for the first time. The Bishop's discourse was upon the text: Psalms viii: 4-6, and Hebrews ii: 8, 9. It was a characteristically able one and full of excellent counsel to the graduates.

On Monday evening Mr. Garret B. Linderman gave a brilliant reception at his residence on Fountain Hill, to his fellow-graduates.

The Class Day exercises took place on the campus, Tuesday afternoon. A platform, erected near the entrance to the Park, was the scene of a portion of the exercises. The president, Charles C. Jones, made the introductory address, which was followed by a toast to the University, by Alexander Bonnot. The toast was drunk and the University cheer given. The Class Poem was read by Charles P. Pollak. The prophet, George T. Richards, gave his ideas in regard to the future occupations of many members of his class, in a very happy manner. The class was then toasted by Samuel D. Langdon, and their cheer given. This finished one part of the programme. The class and audience then proceeded to the vicinity of the handsome granite steps which adorn the path leading to the Library, where an oration was delivered by Nissly J. Witmer, and the class memorial presented. Dr. Lamberton accepted them in a brief speech. The ivy was planted beneath the walls of the new Chapel and an oration delivered by Harry H. Stoek. The final part of the exercises took place within the Church. A brass tablet, bearing the class motto and the name of each member, was then hung and an oration delivered by Otway O. Terrell.

The Junior Reception was held in the Gymnasium on Tuesday evening. The event was a brilliant success and reflected great credit on the various committees in charge. The music was furnished by Hassler's Orchestra of Philadelphia, and was, of course, excellent. We have heard of few occasions of the kind at which the refreshments have been brought into such unusual notice. The mere mention of lobster salad will undoubtedly revive pleasant recollections in many minds.

The Alumni meetings and banquet were held on Wednesday. The annual address was delivered by Gen. Francis Walker, LL.D., President of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. His subject, "The Labor Problem," was handled in a masterly way, the discourse being exceedingly interesting and instructive.

The President's reception followed.

The Sophomore's cremation exercises were held the same evening in the Lehigh Theatre. They consisted of an amusing and well-appointed mock trial and execution. The usual procession about the Bethlehems was prevented by the rain; but an impromptu substitute was excellently carried out in the theatre. The usual reception by the Freshmen followed.

The Commencement exercises were held in the new Chapel at 10:30 on Thursday morning. Bishop Howe, President of the Board of Trustees, and Bishop Rulison sat on the stage with the President. The music was by Hassler's Orchestra. After reading of the Scriptures by Bishop Rulison and prayer by Bishop Howe, Harry Harkness Stoek delivered the salutatory oration, his subject being "The Dark Continent." Robert Henry Phillips delivered an oration on "The Age of Engineering;" Charles Frederic Zimmele on "Love of Country;" John Myers Howard on "The Labor Problem;" Harvey Sheafe Fisher on "Man's Inhumanity to Man." Milton Henry Fehnel delivered an oration, "Civilized and Uncivilized," and followed with the valedictory address.



The Wilbur Scholarship was then awarded to John Lockett of Jamaica, West Indies. To Samuel Erwin Berger of Pennsylvania, whose average mark was but one-hundredth below that of Mr. Lockett's, a prize of \$100 was given. Certificates were then presented to the Electricals; the degrees were conferred upon the graduates, and the exercises closed with the benediction by Bishop Howe.

#### OUR CURRICULUM.

AIR—"The Pope."

A COURSE at Lehigh I will take  
But all the rosters make me quake,  
When one of these is once begun  
Of time for pleasure there is none.

The Miner bones hard every night,  
His brain gets in a fearful plight,  
His life is one of sad remorse  
Throughout his lengthy five-year course.

The Mining course does not please me,  
I will not try for that degree,  
I'll be a Civil Engineer,  
Whereof brain-fever there's no fear.

But then the Civil works quite hard,  
Surveying in the college yard,  
His transit nearly weighs a ton,  
And driving stakes is not much fun.

Mechanical I'll never be,  
His work is much too coarse for me.  
With greasy hand his brow he mops  
While sketching patterns in the shops.

The Chemist has a fine career,  
His Math. is dropped the second year,  
But in the Lab. he works all day,  
And does not have much time for play.

The Scientific is the snap,  
It gives you time to take a nap,  
Your afternoons are always free.  
The Scientific course for me.

COON.

#### TAU BETA PI.

At a meeting of the Tau Beta Pi Society on Tuesday, Sept. 27, the following members from '88 were taken in: C. N. Butler, J. B. Glover and P. H. DeWitt; and the following officers were elected: C. N. Butler, Recording Secretary; J. B. Glover, Treasurer.

#### MY FIRST CANE RUSH.

I WAS nothing but a poor, misguided Freshman, when *the* event of my whole college career took place. I refer to my first cane rush.

All the boys know the preliminaries of a rush, so I will not bore them with the details. Suffice it to say that we met one September afternoon to have it out.

I was not strong enough to be one of the holders of the small saw-log, called in irony "the cane," but being naturally brave and skillful, I resolved to help my class.

I took my position in front of our big men, and awaited the coming shock. The Sophs. came on shouting and yelling like Indians. I closed my eyes and assumed a John L. posture. Nearer and nearer came the Sophomores, till at last they were close enough for us to see the writing on their cuffs. With great courage I ran up to a young Hercules and bid him, "guard thyself." With wondrous skill and agility I struck his fist with my left optic. Saw stars and other celestial bodies. I slipped, and a light youth (three tons) stepped on my brainy head. Discovered four new constellations and six comets. I resolved to inform the Professor of Astronomy of the fact, but before I had time to put it in writing another devil—I should say Sophomore—inquired for me with his bran-new three-dollar foot-ball shoe. I responded with my stomach. I then sat down.

I again got half-way up, and took a breath. I made up my mind to send a telegram to the Professor of Chemistry, informing him of his mistake concerning the composition of air. That, after a careful and minute analysis, I found it principally composed of dust, Soph.'s feet and "cuss words."

A barbarian stepped in, and interrupted me by proceeding to rid me of my teeth. Tapped me gently with his magic touch. Three molars, all my teeth, and a piece of my tongue, started on a Summer trip down my throat. I proceeded to retaliate. I did. I wore crutches for a month afterward, just to spite him.

Just then I saw a small Soph. who had kept aloof from the dance. With characteristic daring, I advanced towards him. Somebody grabbed me from behind, and gently admonished me with his No. 9 boot. I sang a solo with great *eclat*. He started to repeat. I told him Shakspeare never did, but he did not heed me. To save him from the disgrace of becoming a common murderer, I beat the college record in running. I stopped, out of breath. I turned and saw another Soph. coming toward me. He approached and politely raised his foot. Not to be outdone, I returned the compliment by sitting on it. I went up head foremost and came down head foremost too. I lay on the ground shamming death, but a big Sophomore sacrilegiously had a war-dance on my prostrate form. I remonstrated by biting my opponent's leg. He ventured to suggest that man-eating was un-Christian. I skeptically asked him to demonstrate it mathematically. He did so to my perfect satisfaction and I mentally compared him to the man who invented the idea of infinite numbers, for that is the number of blows he gave me.

By this time only one ear was left me. Just then the operation of taking it off was successfully accomplished by a weak but scientific young man, who could lift 937 pounds.

I concluded that the crowd did not appreciate my talents as a Julius Cæsar, Jr., so I retired. I was assisted by three Sophomores. They didn't stop to open the gate or to remove a board from the fence, so I took my second lesson in flying that day. I landed on a miniature of the Plymouth Rock. Cracked it in two. Seeing such a beautiful piece of art wilfully ruined, I uttered an exclamation. It sounded very much like what a man says when he runs a needle through his finger trying to sew on a button. I repeated it *fortissimo*. Prex. was standing right in front of me. Tableau!

Darkness came to my aid, and I escaped. I retired early, and kept my couch for a few weeks. I found that almost everybody (i. e.

Freshman) was in my fix. It is needless to add that we lost the rush.

I would willingly write about my second rush, but as that has nothing to do with this case, I write *Finis*.

#### A LABORATORY RUSH.

TIME, half-past eleven,  
Place, the western door,  
Cause, decree of heaven,  
Result, torn clothes and gore.

Freshman smiling brightly  
Hurries on his way—  
Soph'more impolitely  
Tries to make him stay.

Freshie thinks he'll enter,  
Grapples with his foe,  
Victim and tormentor  
Struggle to and fro.

Juniors hear the squabble,  
Hose begins to play,  
Freshman onward hobble,  
Sophomores run away.

"Fresh." adjusts his collar,  
Buttons on his cuff,  
"Bet your bottom dollar,  
'Ninety-One's the stuff."

Soph'more wipes the gravel  
From his smarting eye,  
"We can make them travel,  
'Ninety! Rah, He, Hi!"

Seniors visage stately  
Breaks into a grin—  
"Though you'll doubt it greatly,  
We have Freshmen been."

#### A FRESHMAN POET.

EXTRACTS FROM A DIARY.

THE following interesting fragments are taken from the daily log of a nautically inclined Freshman, who has been enjoying his Summer on a sixteen-foot catboat. After the manner of his kind, he has shown this volume to the writer, and thus disclosed to the world one of the most charmingly fresh and natural collections of verse, etc., we have had the fortune to fall in with in these days when so much of the natural vigor and grace of the poetic art

is lost in the attempt to comply with the conventional rules of versification. It has been with the utmost regret that it has been found necessary to give to the world only a few of these gems, as space in these columns does not warrant the insertion of more, but we have endeavored to select the most characteristic emotions generated in his breast, by the loss by drowning of a beloved pair of canvas pants.

## I.

My pants are gone, those dear old pants,  
I ne'er shall see them more,  
They had a belt of cotton rope  
Tied in a bow before.

## II.

But shall I grieve for what is past,  
And pine in woe away?  
Oh no! for Neptune, Ocean's king,  
Is wearing them to-day.

## III.

And through the Winter long and cold,  
Old Neptune warm will be,  
And when his shanks are filled with heat,  
He'll be a' blessing me.

## IV.

Next Summer, when upon the sea  
I trust my precious life,  
Around my bark he'll smooth the wave  
And still the raging strife.

We transcribe another:

SOME THOUGHTS SUGGESTED BY BAILING OUT MY BOAT AFTER A  
HEAVY RAIN.

## I.

Bail! Bail! Bail!  
Till your fingers are cut to the quick,  
And the utterance of your voice  
Becomes most uncommonly thick.

Bail! Bail! Bail!  
As old Sol his rays pours on the deck,  
And a wavering hectic glow  
Suffuses the back of my neck.

He stopped short here. Probably his emotions overcame him.

—The cane rush will be held on the Athletic Grounds next Saturday morning, Oct. 8, at 10:30 o'clock. The cane will be placed on the grounds between the opposing classes, and they will rush for it. The time will be thirty minutes. The side crossing its opponent's goal line the greatest number of times will be declared winner.

## PROSAIC.

THEY walked along the river bank,  
The new moon shining all the while,  
She lightly hanging on his arm  
He hanging on her every smile.

"My love," he murmured in a voice  
Low as the waters rippling by,  
"Oh! tell me love, what would you do  
If I—If I—my love, should die?"

She looked up quickly in his face  
And said, "Please don't be foolish, Dan,  
If you, my dear, should chance to die,  
I guess I'd marry some other man."

## THE GOSSIP.

FOR the third term year The Gossip makes his bow to the readers of THE LEHIGH BURR. He only hopes that his Gossip this year may prove as attractive as heretofore, and that age may not make his chatter uninteresting.

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The Gossip has seen a strange sight during the two years of his existence. He has seen graduates go forth from Lehigh, men who were too lazy to go to Chapel, or attend college more than one day in the week, go out and get on an engineer corps, or in a mine or in a laboratory, or in a machine shop, and work, not from "morn till dewy eve," but from daylight on to eleven and twelve o'clock at night, and never complain. There must be something peculiar in the Lehigh atmosphere which robs a man of his energies and ambition, and when he goes forth to fight the great battle for himself, returns them to him with interest.

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The Gymnasium has called forth an unusual amount of adverse criticism this year. Apparently, no repairing was done in that building during the Summer, or rather a large amount of damage, as several of the faucets are broken off and others will not work. In addition to this, as a rule, nothing but boiling water is obtainable, which, as all know, does not make a desirable bath. On other days extremely cold water in small quantities may be obtained, but



on these days there is no hot water. To the men training for foot-ball this is extremely inconvenient to say the very least, as after rolling around our Athletic Ground a bath is not a luxury, but a necessity. The matter should be looked up, if only on account of the Foot-Ball Team.

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The large number of conditions which the men in the various classes are carrying, and the number of men who have been dropped, this Fall, is a matter of serious reflection; and this is almost entirely due to the amount of "cutting" that took place last year. Never before in the history of the college were such a large number of absences incurred by the students. Nearly every man in college had a large number of "cuts," and the men, as a rule, who had the largest number of absences, had the largest number of conditions. This is particularly true for the subject of Mathematics in the two lower classes. The stringent rules adopted by the Faculty last term, it is hoped, will prevent the recurrence of so much illness in college, and thus directly of the number of conditions.

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The Class of 'Eighty-seven, since its graduation, has done much to bring credit to the name of the University. Nearly every man who graduated has secured a good situation. That they are well fitted for their positions, the nature of the curriculum leaves little doubt. And the fact that all, or nearly all, of these positions have been obtained without the use of influence, is a subject for congratulation.

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The Foot-Ball Team last year gave us good cause for pride in one of Lehigh's teams, and from all prospects will do even better this season than it did last. With a training table in successful operation, and daily practice games, we should certainly expect good work from our men. We will of course play Lafayette, and will probably have a close and exciting game. Last year, and the year before, we left the field,

giving them the game. Both times it was a foolish act. The first time it was due to the disqualification of our centre rush by the referee; last year to a decision utterly ridiculous. We have gained no credit by doing thus, and The Gossip sincerely hopes that we have seen the team leave the field for the last time without being squarely victorious, or conquered. The fault of Lafayette, that they had supplied no referee when our team went to Easton, was their own, and was no reason why we should let their manager referee the second game. Let the management be careful and see that they are not placed in a similar position.

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The subject of a cane rush has called forth much comment, and The Gossip has heard more than one opinion expressed. That it is inevitable no one denies, but the methods of settling it proposed are various. To have the contest an even one for both sides is extremely difficult, but it is generally conceded that a night conflict, although picturesque in the extreme, has many disadvantages. Now that the upper classes have actually taken the matter in hand, and a joint committee from those classes have been appointed, the College may expect to see the arrangements made so that the unfairness on either side shall be reduced to a minimum. The old cane rush was manifestly unfair. It was impossible to determine with any degree of accuracy the number of men who had hold of the cane. The rule at some other colleges that the cane had to be broken was impossible to do if the small log of wood usually in use is used, or if it is smaller the Freshmen might break it accidentally themselves. The general desire is that the rush be held on the Athletic Grounds, and the two classes attempt to rush each other over the goal lines, and the class crossing its opponent's goal line the greatest number of times in a given time be declared victor—the larger number of Freshmen being evened by the superior organization of the Sophomores.



## THE PROPHET.

A MAN is ages now long past and gone,  
 Startled Khorazin with his wisdom great,  
 And prophesies of wondrous things to come—  
 The people thought him, all, a man of fate.

As time rolled on, his rule the people tired,  
 And in rebellion rose, and when at last,  
 He saw that all was lost, he showed the face  
 He hitherto had hid, and then he cast

Himself into a tub of acid standing by,  
 And vanished quickly thus from mortal sight.  
 The tale is old, but still the prophet lives  
 And people still believe that he is right.

I do not mean Khorazin's prophet veiled,  
 I mean the one who always prophesies  
 What man will surely win, or team and more,  
 Will name the winner of the second prize.

He wears a veil, not like the one of old,  
 Of silver bright, but one of mystery,  
 He knows—but never can he tell from whence  
 He gets his knowledge, nor the reason why.

The things come not to pass as he has said,  
 He quickly disappears, and in disgrace;  
 Unlike his brother of the days gone by—  
 This prophet does not care to show his face.

## THE TROUBADOURS' EXPERIENCE.

“WILL I join a club to serenade the  
 fair inhabitants of the town? Let  
 me tell you my experiences in that line. Two  
 years ago, while I was yet a bold, bad Sopho-  
 more, I thought it would be a great scheme to  
 do something of the kind. I said as much to  
 three other fellows, who agreed with me, and  
 the deed was done.

“The affair must be quite *au fait*—we would  
 sing no college songs, nor ‘chestnuts’ from  
 the various operas, but we must have fine  
 glees.

“This was easy to say, but was not so easy  
 to carry out. Songs that would suit the tenor,  
 the bass would politely but firmly decline to  
 sing, and *vice versa*. The general tone of the  
 conversation was, ‘Do you think I am going  
 to ruin my voice to sing any song that hap-  
 pens to suit you? Not much; we’ll sing this  
 one,’ and so on. As might have been ex-  
 pected, this was somewhat discouraging to

those with whose voices the songs did suit,  
 especially as the tenor would periodically make  
 the remark that the bass was no gentleman,  
 and the bass that he felt sorry for any man  
 who had as few gentlemanly instincts as his  
 friend with the high voice, and it took all the  
 remaining members to restrain them from fres-  
 coing each others faces. But, finally, with  
 much trouble, we hit upon four glees suited to  
 our various voices. One was, ‘Oh, who will  
 o’er the downs so free;’ another was an inquiry  
 addressed to some shepherds, as to whether our  
 Priscilla had or had not passed that way, and  
 two more, the names of which I forget.

“Then the night was a fruitful subject for  
 dissension.

“Finally, after several false starts, we got  
 started. The night was cold and cloudy, with  
 snow about a foot deep. The tenor had on  
 patent leathers, a fact he discovered after we  
 had gone about half a mile, but he would not  
 go on, so he went alone to obtain something  
 heavier. The rest of the crowd seated them-  
 selves on a door-step and waited, smoked and  
 swore. The tenor returned, and we started at  
 the first house. All was dark, and after the  
 usual preliminaries of throat-clearing and sona-  
 tas on the guitar, we got started on the first  
 song. All went well, but when we stopped we  
 heard no sound of applause. We sang another,  
 still no sign, and finally we finished our entire  
 repertoire, and left without having received any  
 indication that our presence had been noted.  
 We found afterwards that we had serenaded the  
 unoccupied part of the house—but this is  
 digressing. We next struck a house: here the  
 guitar-player discovered that two of the strings  
 of the guitar were broken, and as he had no  
 more we decided to dispense with guitar music.  
 We then sang a song, and right in the middle  
 of it we heard the tenor’s hat crack and a huge  
 bottle roll on the ground. We picked it up  
 and left. We stopped under the first lamp-  
 post, and found that the bottle was tastefully  
 decorated with blue ribbon and bore the label,  
 ‘Best Bathing Whiskey.’ Our feelings were

too deep for utterance. The next place we struck was the Seminary: here we were greeted with a shower of lead-pencils, tooth-brushes and penholders, and even one whisk, decked gayly with ribbons. This was discouraging, but we persisted. One place they actually threw us some flowers. These, however, had been left by the collegiate masher, who, when we told him the tale, swore us to secrecy. It had now begun to snow, the bass was so hoarse that it was impossible for him to articulate distinctly, and the tenor's patent-leather shoes exhibited themselves in a decided huskiness, but as we only had one more place to go we decided to finish the job. There they pasted us with lemons, one of which was rather tired, and took me on the bridge of the nose. This, and the delicate hint conveyed thereby, that our voices were not in the best condition, was the last straw that broke the camel's back, and we went home sadder but wiser men. In addition to this we were all so badly laid up with colds that not a man attended college for a week.

"Young man, you may get up a serenading party, but you need not put me down as a member. The Chapel Choir and Glee Club are good enough for me."

#### COMMUNICATIONS.

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**EDITORS LEHIGH BURR:**—Dear Sirs: The foot-ball season is fast approaching and, although the different class teams are practising daily, no effort has been made as yet to arrange a schedule of inter-class games. These games ought to be played as early in the season as possible, in order to give sufficient practise to the participants in the game, and also to give the manager of the University team an opportunity to pick out the most skilled players to defend the brilliant record which Lehigh made last year against its opponents from different colleges.

The University team will play its first match in about two weeks at Princeton and the inter-

class games ought, by all means, to be finished before that time, so that a strong eleven could be chosen, which, if it should not beat its adversaries, could at least give them a close struggle, and be an honor to its Alma Mater.

GALLUS.

#### DE ALUMNIS.

[Contributions to this department are solicited.]

'83.—Geo. G. Hood, C.E., is superintendent of a mine of manganese ore, for the Cambria Iron Co., at Atken's Tank, Va.

'84.—One of the books used by the Senior Miners and Mechanicals, is the "Graphical Statics of Mechanism," by Gustav Hermann, translated by A. P. Smith, M.E., '84. The book is published by Nostrand & Co., New York, and is as valuable as it is new.

'85.—E. O. Smith, C.E., was drowned while bathing during the Summer.

'86.—R. McA. Loyd, Ad.Elec., is superintending the construction of a railway at Pittsburg, for the Daft Electric Motor Co. He has built one at Orange, N. J., and Mansfield, Ohio.

'87.—G. B. Linderman, Ph.B., is traveling in Europe.

'87.—J. B. F. Hittell, C.E., is on an Engineer corps in Chicago, Ill.

'87.—K. Frazier, A.B., '87, is traveling in Europe, and will study Art in Paris.

'87.—G. F. Pettinos, M.E., is in the works of the Bethlehem Iron Co.

'87.—C. C. Jones, B.S., is with the Pennsylvania Steel Works, at Steelton, Pa.

'87.—H. S. Meily, C.E., is on an Engineer corps of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

'87.—C. A. Buck, A.C., is an assistant Chemist at the Bethlehem Iron Co.'s works.

'87.—B. A. Cunningham, C.E., is on an Engineer corps of the Lehigh Valley Railroad.

'87.—J. A. Morrow, C.E., is assistant superintendent of the water works, at Muncy, Ind.

'87.—H. S. Haines, Jr., M.E., died of typhoid fever at his home in Savannah, Ga., on the 22d of August.

'87.—H. S. Fisher, A.B., is studying for the Episcopal ministry at the Theological Seminary, New York City.

#### EPIGRAM.

(FROM THE SPANISH.)

Long after, in the street,  
The two ex-lovers meet,  
And see each other by the bright light of the day.  
They open wide their eyes,  
For great is their surprise,  
And with deep astonishment, sneeringly they say:  
"Great Cæsar, is this *she*?"  
"Oh my, and is this *he*?"

## IN MEMORIAM.

HENRY STEVENS HAINES.

At a meeting of the members of the Class of '87, the following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His divine wisdom has called to Himself our former classmate, Henry Stevens Haines, Jr.;

*Resolved*, That we, the Class of '87, recognizing that in his decease we have sustained the loss of a sincere friend and esteemed classmate, and the profession-at-large a promising engineer; and

*Resolved*, That in their deep affliction we extend our heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved parents and friends. South Bethlehem, Sept. 28, 1887. CLASS OF '87.

At a recent meeting of the Psi Chapter of the Chi Phi Fraternity, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God in His wisdom to remove from our midst our beloved brother, Henry Stevens Haines, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, We bow in submission to the unsearchable power and wisdom of God; and

WHEREAS, By this loss, this Psi Chapter and the Chi Phi Fraternity at large, have been deprived of an earnest and faithful brother. Be it

*Resolved*, That we ever cherish a profound veneration for his memory and spotless character, and that in testimony of our deep sorrow, the Psi Chapter show to the outer world its grief by draping its badge in mourning for thirty days.

*Resolved*, That we drape the lodge room for the same length of time; and further be it

*Resolved*, That we extend our warmest sympathies to his bereaved family in this, their season of trouble.

## KERNELS.

—THE BURR'S Owl will hereafter perch in No. 8, Christmas Hall.

—A. K. Leuckel, '88, has left Lehigh for Columbia, where he will complete his course.

—The new Packer Memorial Church will be dedicated on Founder's Day, Oct. 14th.

—Foot-ball games with Haverford, Princeton and several other colleges have already been arranged.

—Prof. Frazier and family will spend the year in Europe. Kenneth Frazier, '87, will study art, in Paris.

—We hope to see at least board-walks through the University grounds before the wet weather comes on.

—A joint committee from the Senior and Junior classes have the regulations of a cane rush under consideration.

—J. C. Cornelius, '88, has left college, and has a position with the Reading Railroad, 9th and Green Sts., Philadelphia.

—H. H. Egbert, formerly of '89, is with Hicks & Judd, book-binders and printers, 23 First Street, San Francisco, Cal.

—The Fall Meeting of the Athletic Association will be held as usual on Founder's Day. The number of entries promises to be large.

—Many of the students availed themselves of the two days' recess at the opening of the term, to attend the Constitutional Centennial in Philadelphia.

—A. H. Babcock, '88, spent most of his vacation cruising along the New England coast, in his fine sloop-yacht, "The Minx," and won several prizes in the Eastern regattas.

—Mr. Seeley will act as director of the Gymnasium until a successor to Dr. Swain has been chosen. The Freshmen are now having their physical examinations. Regular gymnasium exercises will soon begin.

—It has been customary heretofore to print the names of the members of the Freshman Class in the first issue of THE BURR. Owing to the incomplete condition of the roll this has been impossible this number. It will, however, appear in the issue for Oct. 15th.

—The Juniors have elected the following officers for the year: President, E. Diebitsch; Vice-President, J. Lockett; Secretary, C. H. Deans; Treasurer, C. Walker; Historian, H. M. Carson; Member of the Executive Committee of the Athletic Association, A. Johnston.

—A College Band has been formed, with the following members: Cleveland, '90; Cochran, '91; Mather, '90, and Emery, '90; Cornet, Gibbs, '90; Clarinet, Goodman, '90, and Young, '91; Alto trombone, Straub, '90, Tenor trombone, Detwiller, '90; Baritone, and Ritchey, '90, Tuba.

—The Freshmen have elected temporary officers, as follows: President, Vander Horst; Secretary, Atkins; Treasurer, Fife. Member of the Ex. Com. of the Athletic Association, Graham. A committee was appointed on Foot-Ball, and consists of Vander Horst, Wadleigh and Welsh.

—The Sophomores on Tuesday, Sept. 20th, held their annual election, which resulted as follows: President, J. W. Stone; Vice-President, E. H. Beazell; Secretary, F. W. Ritchey; Treasurer, C. G. Howe; Historian, A. H. Van Cleve; Treasurer of the Athletic Association, C. C. Tomkinson.

—At a meeting of the Senior class, held on Monday, Sept. 19th, in the new Assembly room, the following officers were elected: President, H. S. Miner; Vice-President, H. H. McClintic; Secretary, H. S. McIlvain; Treasurer, H. M. Wetzel; Historian, G. R. Baldwin; President of the Athletic Association, G. H. Davis.

—The Glee Club has reorganized, and the following officers have been elected: President and Musical Director, A. G. Rau, '88; Business Manager, C. W. Schwartz, Jr., '89; Secretary, A. K. Reese, '89. Messrs. Rau, '88, Reese, '89, and Ritchey, '90, were appointed a committee to receive names of applicants.

—The Tennis Association, on Sept. 21st, elected the following officers: President, R. H. E. Porter, '89; Vice-President, W. D. Beatty, '88; Secretary and Treasurer, A. C. Howard, '90; Member Executive Committee, W. E. Howe, '89. The constitution was so changed to include the secretary and treasurer on the executive committee, ex-officio. The Association will build two more courts near the boiler-house.



## COLLEGE NOTES.

—There are 101 Medical Colleges in the United States.

—Harvard University supports fifty-three student organizations.

—Rutgers College has a larger number of students than ever before.

—The Freshman class at Yale is reported to be the largest ever there.

—The annual expenditure of Harvard is \$620,000, and of Yale \$200,000.

—\$250,000 has been promised to Cornell for the College of Mechanic Arts.

—Our two great lexicographers, Webster and Worcester, were graduates of Yale.

—Harvard has received endowments aggregating \$3,000,000 in the past six months.

—The Harvard Club of New York City, which was founded in 1863, has 475 members.

—Secretary Bayard has received the degree LL.D. from Yale, Dartmouth and Harvard.

—A Columbia student died during this past vacation from the effects of a class cane rush.

—University of Pennsylvania will have nearly all of last year's Foot-Ball team back to play this year.

—Columbia College possesses one of the two extant copies of the first folio-edition of Shakspeare's works. It is valued at \$3,000.

—The youngest college professor in the country is Willis H. Bocock, of Hampden-Sidney College, Virginia. He is only 20 years old.

—Bishop Keane, of Richmond, has been elected the first rector of the new Catholic University, which is to be located at Washington.

—Last week, a student was expelled from Dartmouth for refusing to disclose the names of certain Sophomores who had participated in hazing.

—500 ladies of Easton, South Easton and Phillipsburg have enrolled their names in the work of raising money to aid Lafayette College.

—A Foot-Ball League has been proposed to comprise Lehigh, University of Pennsylvania, Lafayette, Haverford, Swarthmore and Dickinson.

—A valuable collection of paintings, belonging to the estate of the late John Field of Philadelphia, has been presented to Williams College.

—The Imperial University of Japan has recently established a chair of Sanitary Engineering, said to be the only chair of the kind in existence.

—It is reported that a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa will be established at Lafayette in the near future, to consist of the Senior Sigma Gamma Society.

—Harvard University will soon have a "Hastings Hall," to cost \$250,000, built by the Hastings family, which has been represented there in every generation except one for over 200 years.

—On July 5th, 6th and 7th meetings were held at Lancaster, Pa., of delegates from the principal colleges in the State, for the purpose of forming the "Pennsylvania State College Association."

—Dr. Henry D. Cogswell has donated property worth \$1,000,000 to found a Technical School in San Francisco. It will be for both boys and girls, and will be named the Cogswell Polytechnic College.

—The Christian Association of Michigan University has received a gift from an unnamed friend of \$25,000 for the building of a Y. M. C. A. Hall on ground already purchased and held for this object.—*Princetonian*.

—Of the six Yale Seniors who last year received the highest literary honors—the Townsend prizes for oratory—one is captain of the Base Ball team, and another is captain of the Foot-Ball team, two rowed in the class crew, one played in the class nine, and the sixth is a good athlete.

—The *Hamilton Literary Monthly* has offered a prize of \$100 to the writer of the best essay on "The Conservatism of American Institutions." The essay must be written by regular subscribers, and must be submitted to the Editors before Jan. 20th, 1888. The judges are: Senator Hawley of Conn.; E. B. Elliot, Ph.D., Washington, D. C., and Congressman Sherman of New York.

## CLIPPINGS.

## TWO PRETTY HANDS.

The night was almost spent;  
The silver stars shone dimly in the east,  
A candle to the remnants of a feast  
A strange, weird lustre lent.

About the table sat  
A half a dozen youths; their minds intent  
On breaking a jack-pot, the full extent  
Of which was very fat.

At last it came. The lad  
Who'd lost his month's allowance at the game  
Opened the pot and threw within the same  
The dollars of his dad.

They dropped out one by one.  
The youth who just across the table sat  
Called for a card, the "opener" stood pat;  
The game was almost done.

The man who drew a card  
Four aces held. He bet with joy and glee;  
Perhaps it was as well he could not see  
The hand held by his pard.

And then amid a hush  
The holder of the aces "called;" and so  
The other man laid down his hand, and lo!  
He held a big "straight flush," A. E. J.



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